



# Friends of Sausal Creek

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July 2002

## No Monthly Meeting in July

There's no meeting in July so take this opportunity to check out one or more of the Friends' many other activities. See the *Activity Calendar* on the reverse and choose something fun. Bring a friend! Next monthly meeting is at the Dimond Library on August 21.

## In Memoriam

On Sunday, June 30, Mike Grayson died of cancer. Mike was as committed a friend as Sausal Creek could ever have. Kathy Grayson, Mike's sister, said that Mike "loved his life and work with the Friends with all his heart."

Mike was a long-time member of Trout Unlimited and the Friends of Sausal Creek, and he also participated in the activities of many other watershed groups. Mike had a vision of building stronger links between the grassroots organizations working for the same goals in the East Bay, and he wanted to gain greater recognition for those goals at the regional, state, and national levels. Mike worked hard to make this vision a reality by organizing visits between different groups' members, making presentations to different organizations, and encouraging dialog and information-sharing between groups. He also attended almost all our meetings and workdays before he became ill.

Last March, Mike participated in the Equinox Celebration that was held in Dimond Canyon, and said afterwards how glad he was to have been there. It offered him a chance to make peace with his maker, he said, and to celebrate his and others' efforts to protect Sausal's trout and restore Sausal Creek.

## Thank You, CH2M Hill

The Friends of Sausal Creek gratefully acknowledge a contribution of \$1,000 from CH2M Hill, an employee-owned multinational firm providing engineering, construction, operations, and related services to public and private clients on six continents. CH2M Hill's Oakland office specializes in water resource management, wetlands and habitat restoration, environmental engineering, design of stormwater, water, wastewater, energy, and transportation facilities. CH2M Hill employee and FOSC board member Linda Morse facilitated the company's generous donation. Other employees have participated on FOSC work days. We look forward to a partnership with CH2M Hill, including future work events and other activities.

## Friends of the Month

Special thanks are due to **Tim Reed**, who for the last six months has been leading the Friends' mapping group. Tim manages the GIS lab at San Francisco State University, and last December he decided to offer his skills to the Friends to help the group develop resource and demographic maps of the watershed. Since then, Tim has led monthly meetings at his home and given an audio-visual presentation on mapping at each of our monthly community meetings. In addition to this, Tim and his wife **Stephanie Reed** are also the stewards of William Wood Park, where they conduct cleanups and plantings with their neighbors and on their own. It is with gratitude and genuine affection that we say thank you, Tim and Steph, for all your support for the Friends!

Ongoing recognition also goes to heavy-hitter **Sally Kilburg**, without whose indefatigable efforts construction at Joaquin Miller Park nursery would not be taking place this summer. Thank you, too, Sally, for all that you do for the Friends.

## Electing Officers of the Board and Seeking New Board Members

The election of officers will take place at the Friends' Board of Directors meeting in August. The board has four offices—president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer—which are described in the bylaws posted on the Friends' website at [sausalcreek.org](http://sausalcreek.org). Officers are elected annually, but may serve for more than one year.

There will very likely be a reshuffling of the current officers, as the president has indicated that she will not stand for election to a second term, and Eleanor Dunn has kindly been serving as acting treasurer for the past year. Likewise there is room for new members, so anyone interested in serving on the board, as a director or officer, is encouraged to attend the August meeting.

Responsibilities for all board members include fiscal and fund-raising oversight, supervision of contract staff, and program implementation and oversight. Each board member will take responsibility for providing leadership in at least one of the following arenas: Conservation and Restoration, Education and Outreach, or Organizational Development. Individuals with previous nonprofit board member experience are especially encouraged to consider joining in. For more information, contact current president Anne Hayes at 237-0663 or [president@sausalcreek.org](mailto:president@sausalcreek.org).

## FOSC: A FRIEND INDEED

*The Friends of Sausal Creek is now a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.* This means that your contribution is fully tax-deductible. This also means that **we need your contribution more than ever.** The newsletter, formerly funded by the City of Oakland, costs about \$600 each month to produce, print and mail. Group coordination, including workdays and meetings—though largely accomplished by volunteers—is an ongoing expense. To pursue our mission of "promoting watershed awareness," your contribution is needed. Please complete the form provided and send what you can to help the Friends maintain and expand our efforts on behalf of the Sausal Creek watershed. Thanks for your support!

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### ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Please attend our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, August 21, 7:00pm, at the Dimond Library. (There's no meeting in July!) Newsletter printed on recycled paper. Thanks for recycling!

### One Finger Old

Happy first birthday to the Joaquin Miller Nursery! A year ago the nursery site was all weeds and trash. Now, thanks to the efforts of many, there is a shade structure, a work area, and a learning circle. But the current nursery is only the first step in our long-term plans. With continued support from the City of Oakland, we are about to embark on the next phase of construction.

On July 11, an Americorps team will begin two weeks of construction at the nursery. They will work on the irrigation system, expand the growing area, and make new places for people to gather. The new sunny growing grounds and pathways will triple our capacity to grow native plants for restoration projects throughout the city. This construction will also bring us one step closer to our vision of creating an attractive environmental education facility for the people of Oakland.

We need experienced group leaders to help guide the work, Tuesdays through Saturdays. If you have some time free and would like to participate, please call 501-FOSC to learn more. And feel free to drop in on Saturdays from 1:30-4:00pm to see the work in progress and propagate the plants. — *Charlotte Bell & Micheal Thilgen*

### Willows and Alders and Redwoods Oh My!

The Friends' intensive efforts have yielded more trees than can be planted in our watershed's public space. If you are interested in obtaining a young willow, alder or redwood, pick one up at the Joaquin Miller Park Nursery any Saturday between 1:30 and 4:00pm. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information, call Monica at 459-0644 or email [field@sausalcreek.org](mailto:field@sausalcreek.org).

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## FOSC ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Monthly Meetings

~3rd Wednesday of the month~

- no meeting in July!
  - Wednesday, August 21
  - Wednesday, September 18
- 7pm-9pm; Dimond Library, 3565 Fruitvale Ave.

### Board of Directors Meetings

~2nd Wednesday of the month~

- Wednesday, July 10 or 17\*
  - Wednesday, August 14
  - Wednesday, September 11
- 7pm-9pm, at the Chabot Space & Science Center. Everyone welcome. Info: Anne Hayes, 237-0663. (\* Call to check July meeting date.)

### Plant Propagation

~Saturdays and alternating Thursdays~

Saturdays, 1:30-4:00pm, info: Monica, 459-0644. Alternating Thursday mornings (7/11, 7/25, 8/1 etc.), info: Robin North, 336-1861. Meet at the Joaquin Miller Park Nursery.

### Seed Collecting

~alternating Fridays~

but call first to confirm!!!~

- Alternating Fridays (July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23, etc.) 9am-noonish; Joaquin Miller Park Nursery. Info, Monica: 459-0644.

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**NEW!**

### Dimond Canyon Field Work

~every Saturday~

9am-noon; meet at the El Centro Trailhead. Info: Monica, 459-0644.

### Oyster Monitoring with Save the Bay

~1st Saturday of the month~

- Saturday, August 3
  - Saturday, September 7
  - Saturday, October 5
- 9am-noon; meet at the Fruitvale Bridge. Info: Charlotte, 501-FOSC.

### Bird Monitoring

~2nd Saturday of the month~

- Saturday, July 13
  - Saturday, August 10
  - Saturday, September 14
- For time, location, and other details, contact Martha Lowe at 530-7923 or [info@indigodev.com](mailto:info@indigodev.com).

### Aquatic Insect Sampling

~3rd Sunday of the month~

- Sunday, July 21
  - Sunday, August 18
  - Sunday, September 15
- 9:30am-noon; info: Emma Brown, 527-2507 or [lightbrown@onemain.com](mailto:lightbrown@onemain.com).

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